



## Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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May 26, 2015


The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Dear Directors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P May 26, 2015

  
PATRICK OZAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ALLOCATE SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY FOR THE CATALINA TRAILS PROJECT (FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Santa Catalina Island Conservancy to develop trails and trail amenities on Catalina Island.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 in Specified Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to the Santa Catalina Island Conservancy for the Catalina Trails Project.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Santa Catalina Island Conservancy when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to Santa Catalina Island Conservancy

(SCIC) for the Catalina Trails Project (Project).

SCIC is a non-profit organization, established in 1972 to protect and restore Santa Catalina Island, California. Its mission is to be a responsible steward of the island through a balance of conservation, education, and recreation.

The proposed Project involves the development of approximately 34 miles of recreational trails and trails amenities, including site preparation, purchase and permanent installation of prefabricated restrooms and signage. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,500,000 and will be fully funded with the recommended Specified Excess Funds.

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting activities in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District's portion of the RPOSD's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. SCIC has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for County Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide for governing the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

All projects funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning is the lead agency for the Project.

The appropriate environmental document for the Project will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to requesting authorization to construct the project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met and the Project Agreements have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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c: Interim Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors